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APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT

Post-Filed Continuation Declaration and Power of Attorney (37 CFR 1.53(f))

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

"METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COOLING HOT ROLLED STEEL STRIP, AND
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING HOT ROLLED STEEL STRIP"

the specification of which was filed October 24, 2001 has been accorded SN 10/046,106.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of said specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

I claim priority benefits under 35 USC §119 of: (i) any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below; or (ii) any United States provisional application(s) listed below; and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed.

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
Japan Japan	2000-056211 2000-056218	01 MAR 2000 01 MAR 2000	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>
Japan Japan	2000-315277 2001-038710	16 OCT 2000 15 FEB 2001	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>

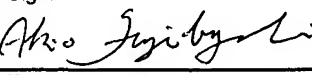
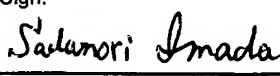
I claim priority benefits under 35 USC 120 of International Application PCT/JP01/01480 filed 28 February 2001

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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